

April 2010

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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

We hope that everyone had a great Easter holiday and is enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been experiencing lately. To begin this month's update, we would like to announce that development project updates will be presented in a separate mail out. This edition of the *Notes from the Council Table* will specifically focus on the proposed Constitutional Amendment that will be on the upcoming June ballot.

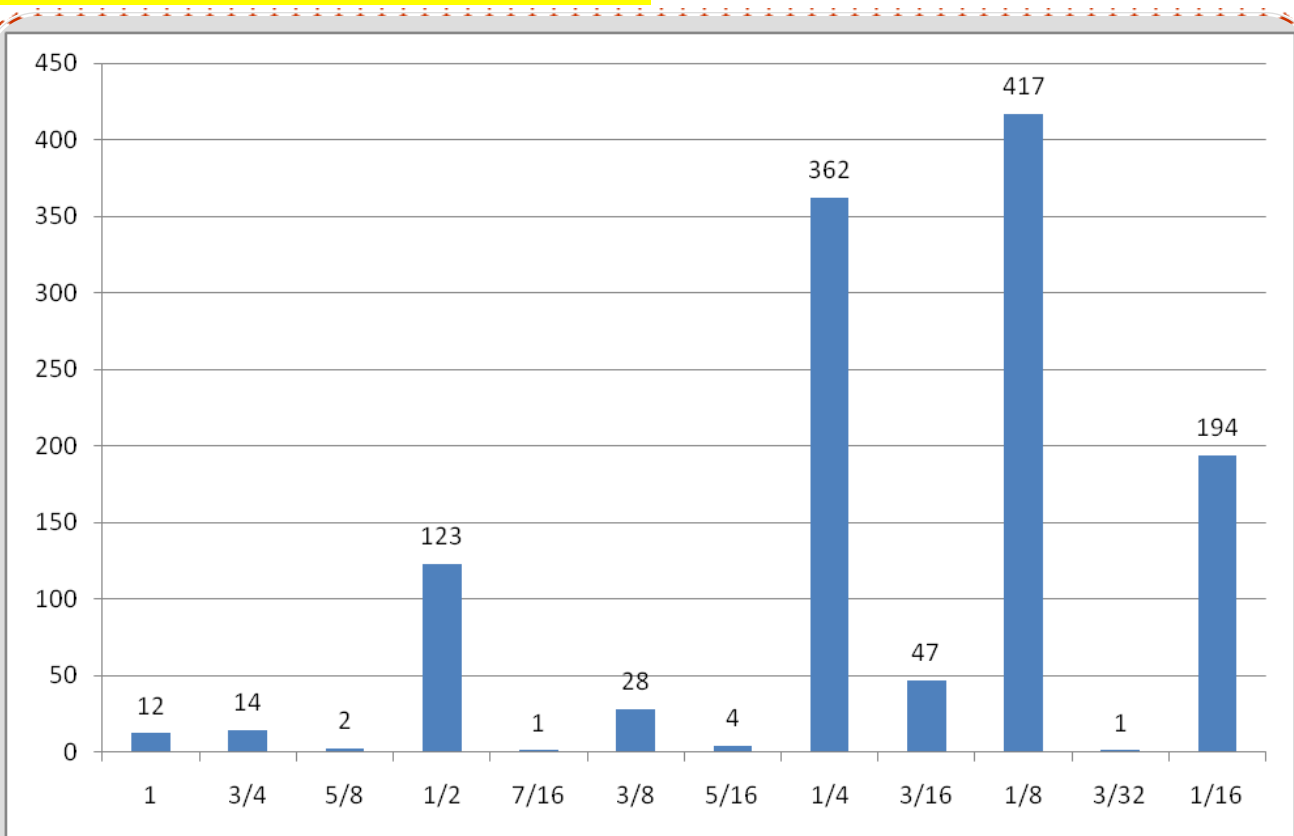
For nearly a year, the Tribal Council has been reporting on the status of the proposed lineal descendant Constitutional amendment. In early March, we received approval from the BIA to conduct the required election for the Chitimacha people to consider and vote on this referendum. The amendment proposes the deletion of all language within our Constitution that indicates a minimum blood quantum of 1/16th. Therefore, if passed, any individual who can prove that they are descendants of Tribal members that are listed on the two base rolls defined in our Constitution would be entitled to membership within our Tribe regardless of their blood quantum.

The importance of this proposition can be summarized in three words: **EXISTENCE VERSUS EXTINCTION**. Extinction may sound dramatic; however, it is an inevitable reality based on the historical trend of a low production rate of offspring between Chitimacha Tribal members.

The Tribal Council has received comments in the past that Tribal members felt they were not provided enough information to make an informed decision on this issue when it was presented on the ballot in 2002. We hope that the following information will be useful to each of you.

Since this proposal consists of amending the Tribe's constitution, at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote shall cast a ballot for passage. Entitled voters consist of registered voters of the Tribe who are twenty-one (21) years of age or over.

To understand the importance of this proposition and how critical of a situation we are in, we have to review where we are currently. The Enrollment Director, Mrs. Ardith Soprano, provided the Council with information which we have used to present the existing profile of the Tribal membership. The following chart illustrates each blood quantum that Tribal members are enrolled as with the corresponding number of individuals. It is easily noticed that our membership is primarily composed of individuals having 1/4th or less of Chitimacha Indian blood (approximately 85%).



This chart also shows that 195 Tribal member's children will not be eligible for membership if they do not bear children with another Chitimacha Tribal member that meets the enrollment criteria. The immediate threat is to those that are already at the child bearing age (15 – 44 years of age). Currently, 47 of the 195 Tribal members that are of 3/32nd and 1/16th degree Chitimacha are at the child bearing age. As of now, the Tribal Enrollment Director is aware of two new born children that would potentially have 1/32nd degree Chitimacha blood. Therefore, the existing blood quantum requirement is already having an adverse impact on our Tribe.

We ask that you consider this information that we have presented when entering the voting polls this June. From past Tribal membership surveys, the blood quantum requirement was identified as one of the most important issues facing our Tribe. We strongly encourage you all to participate in the process and let your voice be heard in determining the future direction of our membership. As a reminder, the election will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at the Chitimacha Tribal School.

Nito,

Your Tribal Council



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DUE TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OCCASIONAL SENSATIVE NATURE OF TRIBAL BUSINESS, THE RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND TOPICS WILL ONLY BE POSTED.

FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, THE FULL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO JILL LOUVIERE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; OR PEGGY GADDY, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO P.O. BOX 661, CHARENTON, LA 70523 OR THROUGH

E-MAIL: jill@chitimacha.gov or peggy@chitimacha.gov

A CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THE FORM CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

Resolutions for the Month of March

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| Resolution CHI-TC #56-09 | Previously tabled. Request for Right-of-Way for Cox Communications |
| Resolution CHI-TC #07-10 | Engage an ERISA Attorney |
| Resolution CHI-TC #08-10 | Right-of-Way for CLECO within Raintree Village |



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



MARCH 2010

For the month of March 2010 the following traffic citations were issued—three for speeding, two for careless operation of dirt bikes on a roadway, and one each for improper use of an ATV on the roadway, exhibition operation of a dirt bike on a roadway, proper equipment required on the roadway, failure to wear a seat belt, littering from a vehicle, and failure to use turn signal.

22 verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for March 2010:

03-06-10 One male arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated.
03-06-10 One male arrested for underage possession of alcohol.
03-07-10 One male arrested for illegal carrying of a weapon
And reckless operation of a vehicle.
03-23-10 One male arrested for criminal mischief and
criminal trespassing.

2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS

The goal of the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, is to meet constitutional and legislative requirements to count the U.S. population. The decennial census process is the largest domestic undertaking in the United States.

The data produced from the decennial census are used to reapportion the seats of the U.S. House of Representatives and realign the boundaries of the legislative districts of each state. Census data also are used to allocate more than \$400 billion each year in federal financial assistance and to provide a social, demographic, and economic profile of the Nation's people. This profile assists in guiding policy decisions at each level of government.

In an effort to accurately count the population, census questionnaires will be delivered either by hand or mail to residents, beginning in February 2010. Through late August 2010, Census Bureau temporary field staff will work in neighborhoods across the United States to deliver questionnaires, collect information from those who have not returned their census questionnaire, and verify addresses.

Local law enforcement may encounter questions from residents about strangers in their neighborhoods. All law enforcement agencies will be provided information to allow them to identify Census Bureau employees, both temporary decennial employees and permanent field representatives. All employees can be identified through identification cards issued by the Census Bureau.

If you should have any questions or would like for a law enforcement officer to verify a Census Bureau employee, do not hesitate to call your local law enforcement agency.

ENJOY THE SPRING TIME!



At a Police Department staff meeting held on March 16, 2010, Chief Blaise Smith presented Officer Gary Dantin with a certificate for outstanding service to the Community and the Tribe for January through March 2010. Keep up the good work Officer Dantin!

OUTSTANDING!



On February 18, 2010, the Chitimacha Police Department hosted a field trip to the Louisiana State Penitentiary, more popularly known as Angola. The Chitimacha Tribal School 8th grade students attended, along with chaperons Chief of Police Blaise Smith, Officer Jake Darden, Officer Sara LaBiche, Chitimacha Firefighter Blair Rivette, and Billy Mora.

Once on the 18,000 acres of the prison grounds, the group was able to see the prison dorms, the livestock that are bred and raised at the facility, the lethal injection room, prisoners working in the fields, the prison's radio station KLSP, the prison graveyard, Angola's Museum, as well as other sites involving the everyday life and functions at the prison. The group was also served a meal of chicken spaghetti, steamed broccoli, and banana cake, which was also the lunch meal served to the inmates on that day.

During the tour the group also heard from two inmates of the Angola Juvenile Awareness program (JAP). JAP is a program that shares with youth the realities of prison life and what it is like to be behind bars, in an effort to deter young people from juvenile and adult crime. The two inmates shared their stories that lead them to living out the remainder of their lives at Angola and also spoke of their everyday duties at Angola, since the prison is a working prison and most of the inmates work the fields all day. The inmates also spoke of the freedoms that were lost to them when they became incarcerated at Angola. The trip was very informative and the police department hopes to make this an annual field trip for the eighth grade students of the Chitimacha Tribal School.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



2009-2010 CTS SCHOOL YEAR

Spring Time Brings New Beginings....

ROSETTA STONE BEGINS AT CTS!

As students embark into the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year they also begin working with software produced by the Rosetta Stone Company. Working through their culture class, Monday students began working in the computer lab at school with the program.

Students launched the software via the internet and performed voice recognition microphone set-ups, then chose their very first review lesson. As courses were loaded students listened, identified, and pronounced the Chitimacha language!

Grades kindergarten through eighth grade will have a formatted schedule to work with the software in hopes that they will become fluent speakers in just a few short years.

This exciting step to increase the usage of the Chitimacha language within the community has students "pumped-up" even more than the "Who Dat" fans for the entire state of Louisiana! (pictured right- Katie Vilcan)



MARDI GRAS 2010

Celebrating the Mardi Gras season this year was really exciting with all of the excitement carried over from the Super Bowl win of the New Orleans Saints! It seemed that people wanted to get out and celebrate even more so.

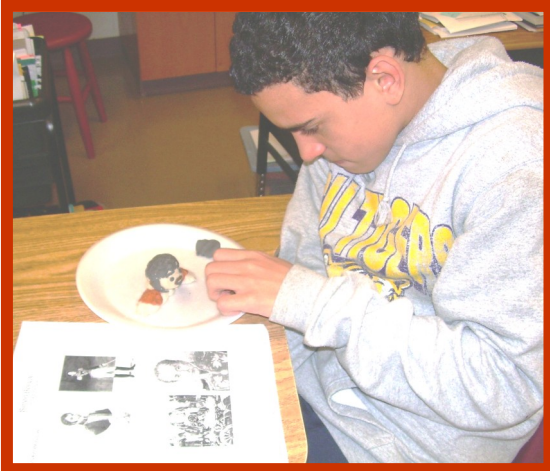
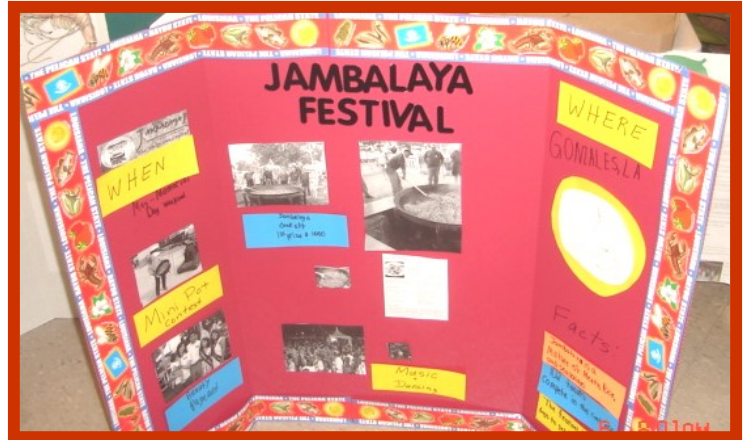
The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana rolled their parade on Saturday, February 13, 2010 with this years royalty which included: Princess- Riley Trahan, Prince- Ben Paulino, Maid- Maiya Darby, Duke- Daniel Sisk, Maid- Kymberlin Landry, Duke- Nickolas Salisbury, Maid- Cheyenne Rojas, Duke- Caleb Darden, Queen- Kaitlyn Landry, and King- Jovan Anderson. Congratulations to all students who were elected for royalty. (Court pictured below)



REPORTED BY TORI LOUVIERE:

The fourth graders at CTS are showing off their musical skills! Ms. Tori's fourth graders were learning about sound and light in Science. As an extension, they recently created song lyrics using facts about sound and light to the karaoke version of Bobby Darin's, "Splish Splash". They were broken into groups of 3 and 4 to create the songs. Students will also be making a video of their songs. These fourth graders definitely have vocal skills!

They have also been studying our great state in a unit on Louisiana. The fourth graders will also be researching the many festivals in Louisiana and creating a project to depict the festival they researched. Once their project is completed, each student will present their project to the class. Each project will then be put on display in the hall for all to see!



REPORTED BY MOLLY CHIASSE:

Students in 7th grade are studying historical events that took place in the early 1800's. Students' main focus is American history, but they also learn what happened elsewhere in the world. For example, students learn about the "Latin American Liberators" who were a group of leaders that pushed for revolution against Spanish exploitation. Just as Americans

fought for their freedom against Great Britain, some Latin people gained their independence from Spain.

Following the class discussion, students put their artistic talents to the test by creating a sculptor bust of a Latin American Liberator of that time period. During the class period students created clay models and took many different approaches in highlighting the liberator's facial features. People have many different talents and ways of learning. CTS students are challenged by these different approaches.

(Pictured Above: Kale Delcambre creating a sculptor of Latin American Liberator, Simon Bolivar)

REPORTED BY JANEEN ROBICHEAUX:

The CTS 4-H Club recently held a contest to see which class could collect the most pull tabs. The project is part of the parish-wide 4-H service project to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The overwhelming winner was Mrs. Debbie's second grade class. They were treated to ice cream to reward their hard work. The club's officers are Bailey Hebert, president; Victoria Vilcan, vice president; secretary, Erica Compton; Trent Darden, treasurer; reporter, Caylin Moneaux; and CRD, Sarah Guillory and Toni Vilcan. Congratulations, second graders and thanks to all students and staff for your overwhelming participation and support!

"Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail"

CTS would like to send Mrs. Kim Cook and RiverCane elders an "EGG-TRA" big "thank you" for inviting students to visit with some of our elders at Rivercane and participate in an egg hunt.

Students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade divided into groups, with baskets in hand, and walked over to Rivercane on Tuesday, March 30th and Thursday, April 1st to visit, hunt for eggs, and have a snack, which was absolutely delicious!

Both staff and students commented on how much fun they had this year and look forward to more activities with our elders.



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

**AS YOU CAN SEE THE CTS STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY!!!!
THERE ARE MANY EXCITING EVENTS GOING ON! THE CTS STUDENTS TOOK THE
LEAP AND iLEAP TEST DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12TH – 16TH, I KNOW THEY
DID A GREAT JOB!! GOOD LUCK!**



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR



Third Nine Weeks Renaissance Program

Award Winners:

Principal's List:

2nd Grade: Julian Mire
3rd Grade: Maiya Darby
Khloe Walden
5th Grade: Peyton Trahan
Amanda Vilcan

Honor Roll:

1st Grade: AnaLaysha Burgess
Dominic Crochet
Amber Mora
2nd Grade: Brook Burgess
Kassidy Talbot
3rd Grade: Nina Darden
4th Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Austin Burgess
Mason Gaddy
MaKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Sage Guillory
Meghan Baham
Kymberlin Landry
Toni Vilcan
7th Grade: Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin
8th Grade: Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

Good Conduct:

Kindergarten: Xani Brown
Emily Darden
Koryn Hebert
Billy Mora
Madison Parro
Avari Ridgedell
Riley Trahan
1st Grade: Amber Mora

Good Conduct Continued.....

2nd Grade: Brook Burgess
Julian Mire
Tyler Rogers
Daniel Sisk
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret
3rd Grade: MaKenzie Broussard
Maiya Darby
Dymond Darden
Nina Darden
Savannah Guillory
Drake Pontiff
Khloe Walden
4th Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Austin Burgess
Hannah Butaud
Mason Gaddy
MaKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Raine Darden
Meghan Baham
Kymberlin Landry
Peyton Trahan
Amanda Vilcan
Toni Vilcan
6th Grade: Trent Darden
Caylin Moneaux
Cheyenne Rojas
7th Grade: Colby Darden
Sarah Guillory
Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin
Tommie Poirrier
Reid Simoneaux
8th Grade: Jovan Anderson
Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert

Good Conduct Continued.....

8th Grade: Trae' Kitchens
Kaitlyn Landry
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

Improvement Award:

3rd Grade: Khloe Walden
4th Grade: Austin Burgess
5th Grade: Meghan Baham
Sage Guillory
Toni Vilcan

Perfect Attendance:

Kindergarten: Emily Darden
Koryn Hebert
Achilles Mire
Billy Mora
Madison Parro
1st Grade: Cameryn Burgess
Dominic Crochet
Landon Pontiff
3rd Grade: MaKenzie Broussard
Nina Darden
4th Grade: MaKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Haylee Bourgeois
Bishop Boutte
Chase Cormier
Peyton Trahan
7th Grade: Caleb Higgins



CONGRATULATIONS,
STUDENTS AND
PARENTS
on a job well done!

Years of Service Awards

Sarah Parro – Human Resources Assistant



5 Years of Service

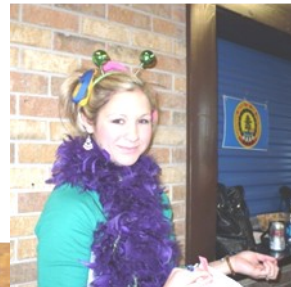
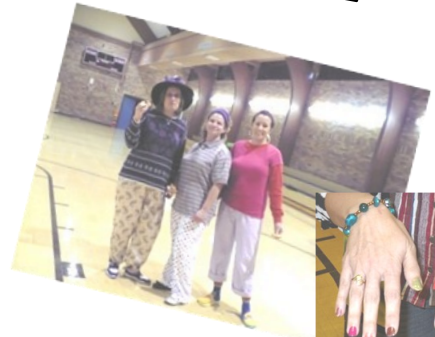
Thanks for your
dedication to the
Chitimacha Tribe
of Louisiana.
Congratulations!!!

10 Years of Service



Catherine Chandler – Enterprise Accounting Clerk

CHITIMACHA TRIBE'S MIX-MATCH DAY



Thanks to
all of those
who
participated
and spread
the fun!

Recreation Newsletter

March 2010

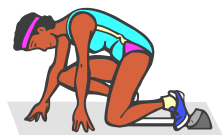
ChitFit Boot Camp: We're planning to make a change to water workouts as soon as the weather permits. We would like to see new people come and give it a try. We'll email more information when the change takes place.

Track and Field: Our Track and Field Team participated in four meets held at Centerville, Franklin High, and Berwick. The fourth and final meet, the Parish Championships, were held in Berwick on Tuesday, March 30.

We are proud to announce that Jovan Anderson claimed the Parish Championship in the boys' triple jump with a jump of 32'3" and tied the high jump, clearing the bar at a height of 5'. Bailey Hebert, Reid Simoneaux, Katie Vilcan, Kati Martin, and Kaitlyn Landry represented Chitimacha in the throwing events including the discus and shot put.

Our jumpers included: Erica Compton, Jovan Anderson, Robert Compton, Kale Delcambre, and Maloree Darden. They competed in the high jump, long jump and triple jump. Our sprinters were Bailey Hebert and Maloree Darden. Rounding out our team in the distance competitions, were Mason Gaddy, Chase Cormier, Robert Compton, Dynah Sedatol, Kale Delcambre, and Erica Compton.

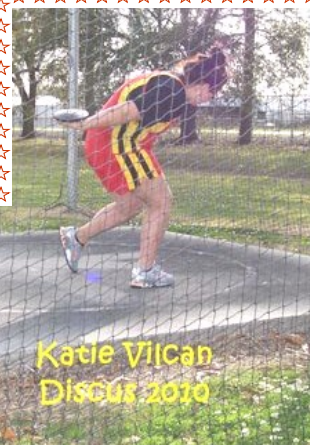
They competed in events such as the 800m and 1600m. Our 2010 Track and Field Team is pictured below, along with Jovan Anderson high jumping and Katie Vilcan throwing the discus at the Franklin Meet on Tuesday, March 23. Congratulations to our 2010 Track and Field Team.



Track and Field Team
2010



Jovan Anderson
High Jump 2nd place 4'8"
2010



Katie Vilcan
Discus 2010

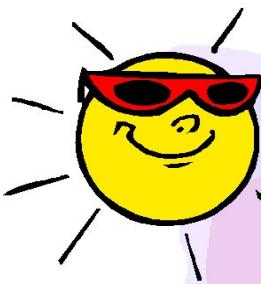
Baseball: Games will begin on Tuesday, April 20, and will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays for three weeks. Age groups include: 3-4 T-Ball for boys and girls, 5-6 Pitching Machine for boys and girls, 7-9 Pitching Machine for boys and 7-9 Pitching Machine for girls. A coach meeting was held on Thursday, March 25, at Recreation. Thanks to our parent volunteer coaches. Please come out and support our kids as they play baseball. Concessions will be sold.

Chitimacha Challenge: We're nearing the end of our Chitimacha Challenge. Congratulations to those who have persevered. Remember, it's never too late to start your own personal challenge.

Pool: Opening the pool this year has been a challenge in itself. Our Recreation staff, along with Royce Deslatte has been working diligently on the upcoming pool opening scheduled for mid April.

Upcoming: Swim Team and Swim Lessons....It's time to start checking your swim team suit to see if it still fits. If not, please consider donating it back to Recreation, trading for a larger suit, or purchasing a new suit. As usual, swim team takes place in the month of June. As soon as we get some concrete dates, we send out an email. Also be looking for dates for our 2010 swim lessons. They're open to all Tribal Members and Employee Families ages 2-up.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.



Swimming Pool Opens Wednesday!

April 21, 2010

**Lifeguard on duty
3:30-4:30 PM
for opening day**

Spring Hours

Tuesdays-Thursdays 7:30 AM-7:00 PM

Fridays 7:30 -11:30 AM, 1:00-7:00 PM

Saturdays and Sundays 1:00-7:00 PM

(Pool closed every Monday for Maintenance)

There's no Place like Cypress Bayou Casino and Shorty's

FYI April 2010

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

The process of developing a branded service program at Cypress Bayou Casino is in full effect. In keeping with our goal of employee participation during the development phase, employee focus groups were held in February and March.

Also in March, Steve Browne with Raving facilitated a Design Workshop with members of Cypress Bayou Casino's management team. The workshop was two intensive days of developing goals, strategy, vision, and service standards for the program.

In the words of Steve Browne, *"It is clear that Cypress Bayou Casino does many things right and puts out a very good gaming and entertainment product with very friendly employees."* This workshop was the first step in *"...moving the organization to the next level of success, a level where managers truly work together with employees to solve problems and create a unique and highly prized gaming experience..."*

Currently the Design Team is working on finalizing the plan so that Steve can begin to create the training materials. Communication strategies and an administrative function for the program are being developed. The program rollout and training will begin in June 2010.

FOOD & BEVERAGE UPDATE

Hours of Operation as of April, 5, 2010

Café Bayou

Wednesday and Thursday 5pm-10pm
Friday – Saturday 11am-12 midnight
Sunday 11am-10pm

Fried Shrimp \$6.95 on Sundays in Café Bayou, Fried Shrimp \$6.95 in Eats on Monday and Tuesday

Mr. Lester's Steakhouse

Wednesday – Thursday 6pm-10pm
Friday and Saturday 6pm-11:30pm

Rikrak

Tuesday-Thursday 6pm-10pm
Friday – Saturday 6pm-11pm

Loco Mexican Grill & Cantina

Wednesday – Thursday – Sunday 5pm-10pm
Friday and Saturday 5pm-11pm

Eats

Sunday-Thursday 11am-1am
Friday and Saturday 11am-till

Fresh

Sunday – Thursday 10am-11pm
Friday and Saturday 10am-2am

Bocat's Lounge

Sunday – Thursday 11am-12 midnight
Friday and Saturday 11am-4am



Bocat's Oyster Bar

Thursday 5pm-10pm
Friday and Saturday 5pm-12 midnight



Mickey's Bar

24/7

Rox (times will vary)

Friday and Saturday 9pm

Dogs II

24/7



MARKETING UPDATE

Spring Fling for Cash in April and May

You must be playing with your "Club" card at the slots and table games to be eligible for Random Drawings. In addition to cash, winners also receive Cypress Plus. The Cypress Plus amount varies according to the winners' tier level.

Cypress Plus is extra credit that is played back into the slot machine. Cypress Plus is put directly on the Player's card.

Fridays, April 16 & 30, May 14 & 28, 7pm-9pm

\$10,000 Cash Giveaway each day

2 \$2500 cash winners

5 \$1000 cash winners

Sundays, April 11 & 18, May 2, 23 & 30, 1pm-4pm

\$15,000 Cash Giveaway each day

1 \$5000 Cash winner

2 \$2500 Cash winners

5 \$1000 Cash winners

Mother's Day – May 9

\$10,000 in prizes from Sears in Franklin

Champagne Fountains in Cypress Bayou Casino and Shorty's

Live Entertainment Update

Pavilion

May 7 – The Spinners (Ticketmaster \$20.00 General Admission Seating with tables, chairs and a cash bar)

Rox – Live Entertainment every weekend - \$10 at the door (unless otherwise noted), general admission, standing room only

April

April 23 & April 24 – The Molly Ringwalds

April 30 – Chee Weez

May

May 1 – Chee Weez

May 7 – Krossfyre

May 8 – Broken Meauxjo

May 14 – Connie G & Creole Soul

May 15 – Richard Lebouef & Detour

May 21 – Butt Roxx

May 22 – October Sun

May 28 – Jamie Bergeron & the
Kickin Cajuns

May 29 – Bottoms Up

Entertainment schedule subject to change. A complete listing of entertainment for all of the venues can be found at www.cypressbayou.com.



CHITIMACHA GAMING COMMISSION NEWS

The Chitimacha Gaming Commission had a busy term since the beginning of 2010. In addition to the customary scheduled meetings and special meetings of the Commission, the Compliance Officers, Commission Investigators, Vendor Specialists and Administrative Staff have been completing their various tasks in an efficient and timely manner. Year to Date Statistics are set forth below and each individual category exhibits the efforts of your fine Commission employees. We hope this information will be helpful to you as the dedicated Commission employees are directly responsible for the Tribe's excellent reputation as an innovative and highly respected regulatory agency, not only in Indian Gaming, but indeed, by the gaming industry as a whole.

As you are probably aware, the Louisiana State Police maintain on-site offices at the Cypress Bayou Casino facilities, as well as having a statewide office in Lafayette. LSP Troopers and staff operate from these offices in a close working relationship with your Tribal Gaming Commission. The LSP has recently had some personnel changes and we are happy to report that a new LSP Lieutenant, Ken Van Buren, has been assigned as the Supervisor of the Indian Gaming Unit. More local, our on-site office also has a new Supervisor assigned, LSP Sergeant Robert Dowdy. Sgt. Dowdy, along with Troopers Mike Washington and Greg Theriot, work on a daily basis at our facilities, and we welcome the new supervisors. Indeed, our Commission has already had numerous meetings with these fine gentleman and we can report that we are enjoying an excellent working relationship with our LSP counterparts.

That's it for this issue and if you ever have any questions about your Gaming Commission, stop in and say hello and we would be happy to help.

February – March 2010

Employee/Applicant Hearings:	9
Commission Meetings (Regular/Special):	12
Vendor Registration/Licenses Processed:	80
Compliance Officer Reports	
Activity/Incident:	84
Jackpots (Over \$5,000.00):	79
Patron Complaints:	2
Accident/Illness:	20
Slot Activity (Programming/Movement):	36
Total Reports in 2010:	370
Casino Background Investigations (Includes Rehires and Under 21):	83
Tribal Background Investigations:	10
Casino Vendor Background Investigations:	59
Special/Confidential Investigations:	8

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Fire Chief, R. Cook



Report on activities conducted during this quarter.

Training:

The following employees attended offsite training at the LSU Fire Training Institute in Baton Rouge to obtain the following certifications: An 80 hour Apparatus Pump Operator Class; attendees were, Kenneth Perry, Joshua Bourque, Clarence Clark and Earl Tyler. Deborah Guardia attended a 40 hour Fire Service Instructor 1 class. Earl Tyler, Joshua Bourque and Clarence Clark also attended a 24 hour Hazardous Materials Operations class.

In House Departmental Training: personnel attended an 8 hour Vehicle Extrication Class at Franklin F.D. instructed by LSU Fire Training Institute. Hal Titus of Acadian Services instructed a training class on Overall Patient Assessment. Search and Rescue Class on Self Contained Breathing Apparatus involved all personnel conducting search measures in a total dark area.

An Elevator Class was conducted and instructed by LSU Fire Training.

This class provided awareness training in the event that a victim would become trapped within an elevator. This class was conducted at the Cypress Bayou Casino. Personnel attended an Acadian Services Annual Air Med Landing Zone class held at the Franklin F.D.; this class maintains communication awareness and safety procedures in the event that we would need to set up a night landing zone for Air Med.

Public Services:

Personnel participated in the razing of an abandoned structure on Flattown Rd., Charenton. This procedure allowed training for our personnel and to rid this hazardous structure from the owner's property. Personnel re-filled the Recreation Pool with 70,000 gallons of water after maintenance work on the pool was completed. Monthly services conducted at our districts learning facilities were Fire and Tornado drills and Quarterly School Bus Evacuation drills.

Fire Prevention awareness is also ongoing each month. Firefighter First Class Deborah Guardia conducted and instructed a CPR Class for employees of the Chitimacha Child Development Center/Yaamahana.

District Activities:

Firefighter First Class Blair Rivette conducted facility inspection and testing of fire hose. Firefighter Earl Tyler conducted hose testing, fire extinguisher and facility inspections. Firefighter Joshua Bourque conducted Fire Pre-Planning updates on commercial facilities, and hydrant testing. Firefighter First Class Deborah Guardia performed Fire Prevention activates and hydrant testing. Clearance Clark performed Hydrant testing and apparatus maintenance, and Fire Captain, Kenneth Perry preformed monthly evaluations of all personnel on the donning of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and fire pumping apparatus.

The Cultural Department is proud to announce that the Chitimacha/Rosetta Stone language learning software is now available!

Please review the information below, fill out and return the attached form to the Cultural Department at 105 Houma Drive, or P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523, so that your request may be processed. (No software will be issued or accounts authorized without the completed form.) Please include the money order(s) necessary for postage and/or your purchase of the Audio Companion CDs.

There are two options from which to choose:

OPTION #1- The on-line version:

- * You will need a computer with high-speed internet access. Dial-up connections will not work.
- * This version allows you to log-on and use the product on any computer with a high-speed internet connection.

OPTION #2- The CD-version:

- * You will need a computer with the following requirements (minimum):
Windows 2000 or later, Mac OS 10.4 or later, 512 MB RAM, 600 MB free hard-drive space (for each of the two levels), 16-bit sound card, 800x600 display resolution (1024x 768 recommended).
- * This version can be installed on two computers.

NOTE: Quality USB headsets with microphones are recommended. These can be purchased at Office Depot or Wal-Mart, for around \$30.00 a pair. (Logitech is a good brand.) The program will run without a headset; however the speech recognition function will not work.

Audio Companion CDs are available for both Level 1 and Level 2 of the product for \$25.00. There are 8 CDs that contain all of the audio from the software. These CDs are designed to help you learn the sounds of the language and can be played in CD players when you are not using the software. To purchase the Audio companion CD sets, you will need a \$25.00 money order made payable to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. You may pick these up from the Cultural Department or we can mail them to you with your CD version package at no additional shipping cost. If you choose the on-line version and need the Audio Companion shipped to you, then please send a money order made payable to the United States Postal Service for \$4.95 to the Cultural Department.

If you choose the on-line version, you will be assigned a username after we receive your completed request form. You will need to create your own password and write it on the accompanying form. The password should be 6-12 characters long, it is case sensitive, and can be comprised of numbers and letters. It should not contain symbols or any part of your name. Once your account has been set up, you will receive a "welcome" e-mail and you can then access the software. * If you do not have an e-mail address, your confirmation information can be mailed to you.

If you choose the CD version and you need it shipped to you, please send your form with a money order made payable to the United States Postal Service for \$10.70 to the Cultural Department at P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523.

One per household

E-mail _____

If you are a non-tribal member, please indicate whether or not you are the parent or legal guardian of minor tribal children. Y or N If yes, please give their date(s) of birth when listing their names below.

Option #1- On-line version Option #2- CD-version (pickup or shipped)

Signature

Date

Staff member(s)

VACANCY

Housing Authority

The Chitimacha Tribal Council is seeking to appoint a Member to the Housing Authority to fill a term that will expire in May of 2014. A stipend will be provided. Interviews will be conducted of interested applicants.

Scope: The Housing Authority performs such duties as prescribed by the Chitimacha Housing Ordinance and any additional rules and regulations prescribed by the Tribal Council.

Qualifications: All Housing Authority members must be at least 18 years of age at the time of their appointment.

Responsibilities: Members of the Housing Authority are charged with the purposes of 1) Remediating unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; 2) Alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; and 3) Providing employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings.

Please send letter of interest by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 to:

**Chitimacha Tribal Council
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P. O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523**

Higher Education Campaign

CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

Current records of degree/certification of higher education do not include all tribal members. The Chitimacha Scholarship Program would like to collect and collaborate ALL tribal members that have completed a degree/certification program for more accurate records.

Thank you for your help!

Please complete and return the information by mail,

fax or e-mail it to the following:

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

Degree/ Certification Program

P.O. Box 661

Charenton, LA 70523

Fax: (337) 923-6848

E-Mail: info@chitimacha.gov

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Chitimacha Election Board hereby gives notice of the
Annual Tribal Election to be held on
Saturday June 12, 2010.

Persons wishing to file for candidacy may contact any Election Board Member to fill out an application form.

There will be a \$25.00 fee in order to apply.

Please make payment in the form of a Check or Money Order payable to the:
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

Positions available are as follows:

(1 Seat) Secretary/Treasurer
(2 Seats) Councilman
(3 Seats) School Board Members
&

Proposed Constitutional Amendment:
(AGES 21 YEARS OR OVER ONLY)

"Should Article III, Section 1(a)(2) of the Tribal Constitution be amended to change the standard for Tribal Membership to eliminate the 1/16 (one-sixteenth) blood quantum standard and replace it with a lineal descendancy standard with no blood quantum requirement? If passed, this amendment will apply to all persons born to Tribal Member Parents, whether alive at the time of the amendment or thereafter."

Applications for Office Seats will be accepted from
First Monday in May and Friday following after
(May 03, 2010 to May 07, 2010)
(During regular hours of operation for Tribal Administration)

Tribal Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs.: 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

To fill out an application, contact any of the following Election Board Members below:

Kim Cook, Chairman	(337) 940-0447
April Wyatt, Secretary	(337) 412-4080
Brittany Martin, Board Member	(337) 578-7167
Rebecca Anderson, Board Member	(337) 578-4223

Voter Registration Notice

Any member wishing to register to vote may do so
by contacting an Election Board Member.

To be eligible to vote in the June 12th election, you must register by:

Thursday, May 20, 2010

At 5:00 P.M.

Any person registering to vote and on the day of election, prior to
casting his/her vote must have valid I.D. including non-expired
issue date of the identification card.

All I.D.'s must be Federal, State, or Tribal issued and must contain a proper
photo and signature identical to that of the registered voter.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

For more information, contact any Board Member below:

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LET'S MEET THE CANDIDATES

INVITING

CHITIMACHA ELECTION CANDIDATES

&

CHITIMACHA VOTERS

TO THE

CHITIMACHA VOTER FORUM

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010 @ 2:00 PM
CHITIMACHA RECREATION CENTER**

This is an opportunity for voting members of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana to meet the candidates for the June 12, 2010 Election, and to learn about the vision each has for our Tribe and our people.

Each Tribal Council candidate is invited to participate in the voter forum. This is a great opportunity for candidates to introduce themselves, their vision, and to share with the Chitimacha voters their position on issues important to Tribal members. In addition, the forum will include a timed question and answer session.

Each School Board candidate is invited to address the forum and give a brief introduction of his/her self.

Take this opportunity to attend and participate! As a voter, if you're interested in participating in the planning of the forum or submitting questions for the candidates, send an e-mail message by Saturday, May 15, 2010 to:

abitagal44@netscape.net Or smoksgnal5@aol.com

Or mail to:

218 Bienville Drive, Gretna, LA 70056

Census News

Submitted by: Gwen Murray,
US Census Bureau TPA



I. CENSUS 2010 REMINDER

This is a reminder for everyone to fill out their Census forms and return them as soon as they can.

II. FILLING IT OUT

- A. On page 1, under question # 5, whether or not you or someone in your household is a Chitimacha male or female, please put the Chitimacha Indian's name in the space provided. By indicating the Chitimacha Indian as head of household, it will properly represent our Tribe and aid in necessary services to our Tribe.
- B. Please put the Indian children living in your home as Indian on the Census form, whether they are part Indian or full Indian.

III. CHITIMACHA TRIBE

- A. On Question # 9 please be sure to put Chitimacha Tribe under Question # 9 where it asks for your tribes name, otherwise it will not be counted correctly.
- B. On page 2, under person # 2 you obviously, put your mate's name or any other adult living in your home.

(1.) If there are no other adults living in your home, you then put your child's name.

(2.) On pages 2 through 4, for Question # 6 under Person 2, Person 3, Person 4, Person 5 and so forth, we are asking you to mark the box American Indian and put Chitimacha Tribe under question # 6 for each individual child.

If you have already filled out your form, but have NOT mailed it yet and you realize after reading this that you need to correct something; all you need to do is draw a line through it, whether it is a wrong box marked, wrong name, wrong race, wrong address and so forth.

If you have already filled it out and mailed it and realize you made a mistake on one of the questions; there is nothing that can be done.

Thank You so Much!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations & well wishes go out to Senior Airman Byran J. Petry, 65th Forces Support Squadron, (son of Mack Petry, Chitimacha Tribal Investigator) on receiving the "2009 Personnel Airman of the Year Award".

Senior Airman Byran J. Petry, 65th Forces Support Squadron, receives his award presented by Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, along with Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy. The award was presented March 11 at the 2010 World Wide Force Support Conference Annual Awards Banquet in San Antonio, Texas. (Courtesy photo)

JUST A REMINDER...

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING THE E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER INFORMATION CONCERNING TRIBAL NEWS AND EVENTS.

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANY OUTSIDE SOURCES.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR ANY RECENT CHANGES AT INFO@CHITIMACHA.GOV

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

THANK YOU!!!

I just wanted to THANK EVERYONE that has helped me out since my house caught on fire. I am very grateful to have so many caring friends & family. I am trying to thank everyone in person, but I know I will miss someone. Everyone has been so generous to me & my girls. We do appreciate everything that has been done. Thanks for the generosity and caring from everyone. *Melissa Darden*

Attention Patients

New Prime Clinic Hours:

I am happy to inform you that patients may schedule appointments earlier on Wednesdays & Thursdays!

Clinic Hours for patient appointments:

Mondays & Tuesdays: 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

* If patient has a need to schedule an appointment after 5:00, the Clinic may accommodate patient provided appointment is scheduled in advance.

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8:00.am.-2:00p.m.

Fridays: 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.



Call Kitty @ (337)923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:
kitty@chitimacha.gov



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